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## Ringer Cemetery (Peter Ringer's Burial Ground)

### **Architectural Survey File**

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**ABSTRACT**

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**Mid 19th Century**

**Ringer Cemetery**

**Boonsboro-Tilghmanton Vicinity**

**private**

"Peter Ringer's Burial Ground" is located west of Manor Church Road near the Antietam Creek in Washington County. Most of the graves are marked with limestone tombstones inscribed with names and mid 19th century dates from the Ringer family. The oldest stone that could be read is inscribed in German and marks the grave of Georg Heinrich Lange an infant who was born and died in 1790. Small private cemeteries such as this one are important reminders of past residents in Washington County, serving as valuable geneological records.

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District 6

Map 68

Parcel 173, 354

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Peter Ringer's Burial Ground

AND/OR COMMON

Ringer Cemetery**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Manor Church Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Tilghmanton-Boonsboro

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: Not In Use.**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Milton Stanford

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

7402 Sweetbriar Drive

CITY, TOWN

College Park

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court HouseLiber #: 556Folio #: 346

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Peter Ringer's Burial Ground is located in a low lying area west of Manor Church Road and east of the Antietam Creek. It is a grassy plot in which grow several large deciduous trees adjacent to a small pond and a run which flows toward the nearby Antietam Creek.

The graves are marked with limestone tombstones inscribed with names and dates from the Ringer Family. Other surnames represented include Netz and Lange. Several uninscribed fieldstones protrude from the ground and appear also to be markers. Most of the legible stones, however, mark the graves of Peter Ringer's immediate family. Among those interred here are Peter Ringer who died September 15, 1850 at the age of 75 years, four months and 27 days; Joseph Ringer, son of Peter and Mary Ringer who died December 12, 1857 at the age of 38 years, and 15 days; David Ringer who died July 12, 1874, at 26 years of age; Winifred S. Ringer, a child of three years, one month and 18 days who died May 1, 1851; and Maria Ringer, daughter of Peter and Mary Ringer, died November 5, 1845 at the age of 24 years. Most of the other markers that could be read date from the mid-19th century. One tombstone different from the others is inscribed in German and dates from the 18th century. It marks the grave of Georg Heinrich Lange who was born on April 30, 1790 and who died on October 20th of the same year.

The cemetery is in deteriorated condition to fair condition and is located on a tract containing 4.2 acres.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Peter Ringer's Burial Ground is significant for religious, social and humanitarian concerns. It was not uncommon for families in the 18th and 19th centuries in Washington County to have private burial plots on their farms. Many of these small grave yards have fallen into disrepair, have been completely obliterated by undergrowth or have been converted to farmland. The remaining small private cemeteries are important reminders of past residents of Washington County, serving as valuable geneological records. The property on which this cemetery stands was in the Ringer Family until 1871 (WMcKK3/442).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.2 acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**April 1976**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**Court House Annex**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

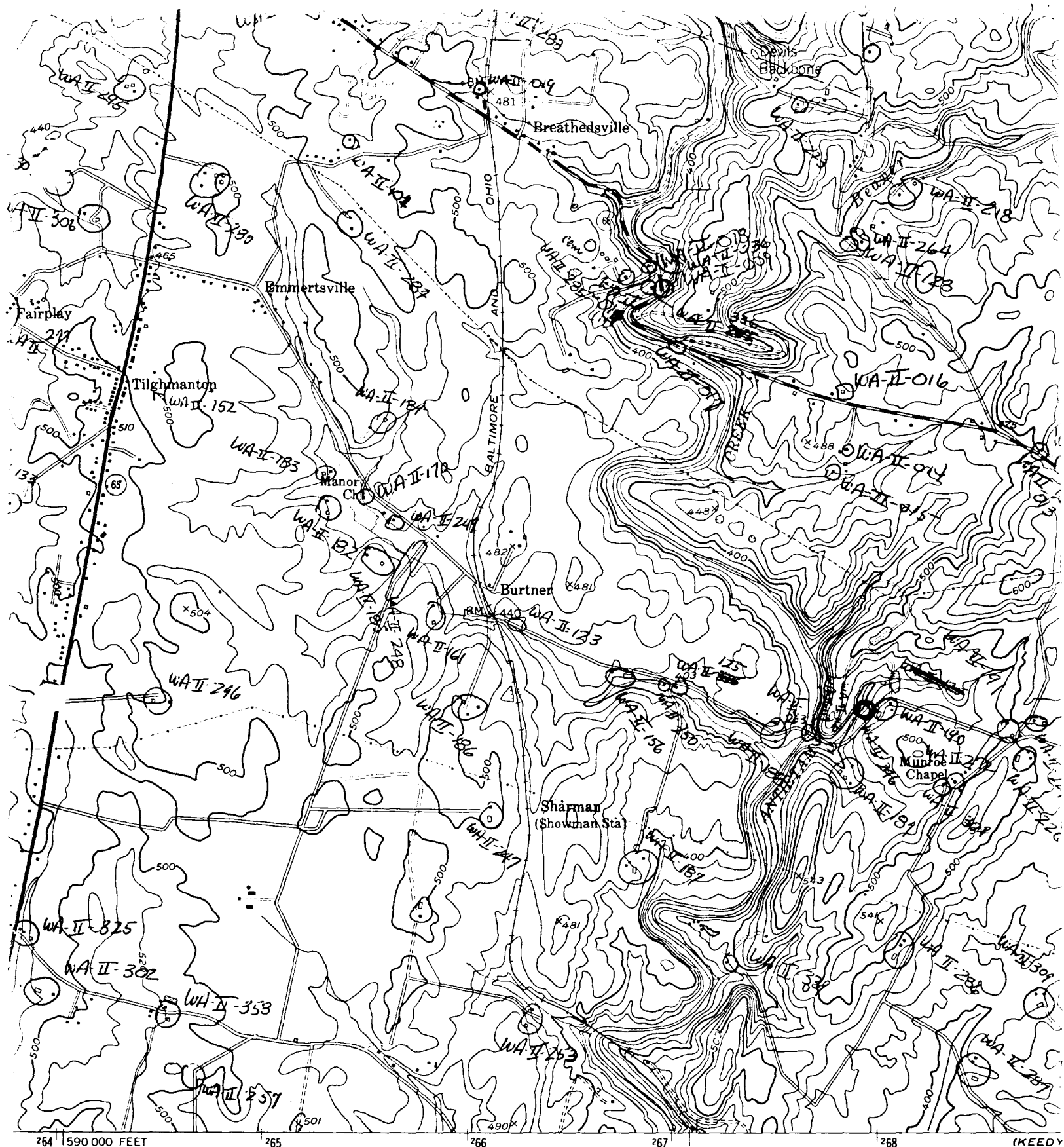
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**Maryland**

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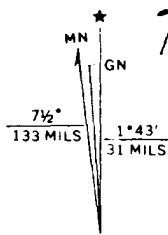
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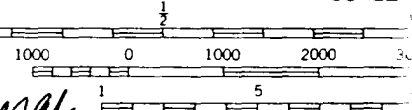


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*Funkstown*  
*quadrangle*

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SCALE



CONTOUR INTERVAL  
 DATUM IS MEAN





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WIT  
FRAU ALBACHIN  
JOH. GEORG HE  
LICH LX NGE  
GEBORTEM DEN 30. APR  
RIL 1790 GESTORBEN  
DEN 26. OCT 1790  
DIE ELTERN WILHELM WIL  
HELM LANGE U. MARIA  
CATHINA EINE GEBOR  
NE ALBACHIN

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detail

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